RE: Comments From - Schmidt, Maxie

FDLE Comments < FDLEComments@fdle.state.fl.us>

Mon 2/13/2023 12:28 PM

To: Maxie Schmidt <Maxieds-hackercat@outlook.com>

Dear Ms. Schmidt,

Please be advised FDLE does not oversee local law enforcement. Pursuant to **Section 943.1395(5)**, **F.S**, Florida law states that the employing agency is responsible for investigating complaints against officers within their agency. Therefore, any complaints regarding alleged misconduct by members of a law enforcement agency should be directed to the employing agency's Internal Affairs / Professional Standards Unit for their review and any action deemed appropriate. If the internal investigation sustains the allegation, then the employing agency shall submit the investigative findings and all supporting documentation to the FDLE Criminal Justice Professional Program for submission to the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission (CJSTC).

More information regarding the employing agency's investigation and reporting can be found with the link below:

https://www.fdle.state.fl.us/CJSTC/Professional-Compliance/PC-Process-Overview.aspx If you are not satisfied with the response of the ESCO's Internal Affairs, you may wish to express your concerns to the ESCO Sheriff for review and follow-up. You also may wish to express your concerns to the Escambia County Commission.

Additionally, with regard to the issues you raised, it is the role of the FDLE to provide investigative support to local sheriff's offices and police departments when we are requested to do so by a sheriff or police chief. FDLE has no independent lawful authority to interject into local law enforcement matters that have been or are already being investigated by local or state authorities. OEI advises you to continue working with the agency to obtain a resolution.

Sincerely, Florida Department of Law Enforcement Office of Executive Investigations

From: Maxie Schmidt <Maxieds-hackercat@outlook.com>

Sent: Monday, February 13, 2023 2:00 PM

To: FDLE Comments < FDLEComments@fdle.state.fl.us>

Subject: Re: Comments From - Schmidt, Maxie

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I contacted the ESCO internal affairs office via the nonemergency line. I spoke with a woman there who explained to me that the issue in the email I sent to her (same message content as my FDLE complaint) did not fall within her function at the sheriff's office. She said she would forward the message to someone appropriate to follow up.

I just received a phone call by a hostile male sheriff who did not introduce himself by name calling from <u>+18504836960</u>. He denied the possibility that someone in a marked sheriff's vehicle could have done what I reported happened with no investigation nor review of the bus video. This is typical of the local sheriff. The are notably corrupt and behave as though they are themselves above the law. I am not able to report this to them by filing a police report because I fear retaliation and being intimidated by their deputies at my residence. These people have been violent and abusive to my family for nearly a decade.

Given that I cannot rely on the local sheriff's office to handle this matter, and they have non law enforcement driving marked vehicles, what should I do? Can you all deal with this?

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From: FDLE Comments < FDLEComments@fdle.state.fl.us >

Sent: Monday, February 13, 2023 8:32 AM

To: Maxieds-hackercat@outlook.com < Maxieds-hackercat@outlook.com >

Subject: RE: Comments From - Schmidt, Maxie

Dear Ms. Schmidt,

Your correspondence was received by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), Office of Executive Investigations (OEI). In your correspondence, you alleged misconduct by a member of the Escambia County Sheriff's Office (ECSO).

Upon review, it was determined that your complaint does not fall within the scope of FDLE. Florida law states that the employing agency is responsible for investigating complaints against officers within their agency. Therefore, any complaints regarding alleged misconduct by members of the ECSO should be directed to the ECSO's Internal Affairs / Professional Standards Unit for their review and any action deemed appropriate.

If you would OEI to forward your complaint to the ECSO for review, please respond via email with your consent.

Sincerely,

Florida Department of Law Enforcement Office of Executive Investigations

From: Maxieds-hackercat@outlook.com < Maxieds-hackercat@outlook.com >

Sent: Friday, February 10, 2023 5:29 PM

To: FDLE Comments < FDLEComments@fdle.state.fl.us >

Subject: Comments From - Schmidt, Maxie

The comment below was sent by an internet user

E-mail <u>Maxieds-hackercat@outlook.com</u>

First

name Last

Maxie Schmidt

name

Phone number

720-846-2222

Address Variable right now (Pensacola, FL)

Hello, This message is to the internal affairs division of the Pensacola Sheriff's Office (Escambia County, FL). I assume that this electronic message will be handled discreetly. I do not want my identity disclosed to local law enforcement personnel that may unfairly target or victimize me for reporting this information. An out of state police officer instructed me to contact internal affairs to deal with these situations. There are two primary complaints to address. I will start with the one I view as being the most immediately concerning: I am concerned about a recent incident while riding the Pensacola public transit on bus route 50 this week. I was talking with a friendly fellow passenger I have met before. We discussed my broken arm (shattered elbow) and how it had been injured by a long term stalker that had followed me out of state after I graduated from Georgia Tech this August with my PhD. The stalker's name is Andre Torres. He has dated my sister on and off for over a year. Andre is violent towards my parents these last years to the point that my ex-military father communicated to me last year that he is scared of the man with his firearms and a key that he will not return to their Perdido Key home. Andre has told me that he is former Pensacola sheriff's deputy that is friends with Chip Simmons. He currently is a nighttime armed guard at the Pensacola county jail. After I told the other bus passenger about my being physically and sexually assaulted out of state, the bus was blocked traveling on the right hand lane by a marked sheriff SUV operated by a man I recognized as Mr. Torres dressed in his blue prison guard uniform. I have seen local sheriff

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responders nearby in green colored uniforms, not blue. I was scared that he might be unstable enough to open fire angrily at the bus or me over all this. The uniform color of dark blue blue is common in NYC. Mr. Torres has lived in New York City with that type of accent. The location of Yonkers, NY can be seen in the following video I took documenting part of the out of state stalking and assault conditions: https://youtu.be/kauCzrwGk6A The second event I am concerned about, and find hard to believe is unrelated, is about a Pensacola sheriff's deputy that I recognize from Perdido Key. He responded in person in an intimidating manner to a call I made to the Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) in Atlanta. He gave me a hand written card with his name, Fantigrossi, and #73 with the case number. I recognize that GTPD officer #73 is Jean Pierre Louis who I have talked with in past years on campus. Are you all going to do something about all this? I will try to follow up with a phone call on Monday to the nonemergency sheriff's phone number. I fear retaliation against me or my family for speaking up. I would appreciate an acknowledgement of this message before I call. Sincerely, Dr. Maxie Dion Schmidt Phone: <u>+1 720 846 2222</u>

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